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MUSIC CENTER ANNOUNCES BRAVO AWARDS FINALISTS

Teachers and Schools from Bonita, Burbank, El Monte, Glendale, Hacienda La Puente, Las Virgenes, Los Angeles, Saugus Union, Walnut Valley and Whittier School Districts are Recognized for their Exemplary Arts Education Programs

***All Candidates to be Recognized and Honored on
March 3, 2010 at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion***

LOS ANGELES —The Music Center of Los Angeles County, a national leader in arts education, announced the fourteen teachers and six schools named as finalists for the 28th Annual BRAVO Awards, honoring teachers and schools for exemplary arts education. The BRAVO Awards are an integral part of the Music Center's leadership in supporting quality arts education for all students.

BRAVO Awards nominations were made by principals, faculty committees, superintendents, and parents. Finalists were chosen from 38 candidates who participated in an extensive review process including site visits and feedback by the judging committee.

Awards are given in four categories: Generalist teacher, Arts Specialist teacher, School Recognition and School Program, and are accompanied by a cash prize. The teacher awards are made possible, in part, by generous gifts from Club 100 members Lanie Bernhard, Marilyn Prewoznik, and Elinor Turner.

All candidates will be recognized and honored on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 in the Grand Hall of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Recipients will receive a cash award to be used to supplement

their arts programs. Acclaimed producer/director Garry Marshall returns to host the event.

The Music Center Bravo Awards program was established in 1982 to recognize teachers and schools for innovation and excellence in arts education. It honors educators who use the arts to revitalize teaching, enhance student achievement and foster self-esteem, teamwork and cross-cultural communication and understanding.

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2010 BRAVO FINALISTS

Listed by category, teacher (if applicable), school name, school district

| <u>ARTS SPECIALISTS TEACHER</u> | <u>GENERALISTS TEACHER</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> |
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| Genein Letford New Academy Canoga Park Public Charter- LAUSD | Carolee Doing Charles Helmers Elementary School Saugus Union SD | Beckford Elementary Los Angeles USD |
| Janna Lindenberg Diamond Bar High School Walnut Valley USD | Carole Firestone Lindero Canyon Middle School Las Virgenes USD | Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences Private |
| Jennifer A. Nelson El Monte Union High School El Monte UHSD | Sandy Fleishman Yerba Buena Elementary School Las Virgenes USD | Tulsa Street Elementary Los Angeles USD |
| Allison Stewart Hoover High School Glendale USD | Kimberly Garcia San Jose Highly Gifted Los Angeles USD | <u>SCHOOL PROGRAM</u> |
| Lisa Ruiz Fairgrove Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts Hacienda La Puente USD | Carol Koplan Kester Avenue/Kester Magnet Elementary Los Angeles USD | The Academy of Music at Hamilton High School Los Angeles USD |
| Deborah Waas Grace Miller Elementary Bonita USD | Dennis McGonagle Longfellow Elementary Whittier City SD | Renaissance Arts Academy LAUSD Charter School |
| John Whitener David Starr Jordan Middle School Burbank USD | | Saint Anne Elementary School Private |
| Sarah Wiggins Crescenta Valley High School | | |

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| Glendale USD | | |
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